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Defendant Indicted on Firearms Charges

Mobile, AL— Michael Jones has been indicted on two charges related to the possession of a firearm. The Indictment charges that Jones was previously convicted of felonies for Theft of Property, First Degree, and Possession of Marijuana and Cocaine, Second Degree, in Mobile County in 1986 and 1989, respectively. By virtue of these felony convictions and Jones' ensuing status as a convicted felon, he is prohibited from possessing firearms or ammunition. Jones is alleged to have possessed a 9mm semi-automatic pistol on September 7, 2007. Possession of a firearm by a previously convicted felon is a violation of Title 18, United States Code Section 922(g)(1). The Indictment further charges that the gun Jones possessed was stolen, which is further prohibited by Title 18, United States Code Section 922(j).

The statutory maximum penalty provided by law for each count of the Indictment is 10 years imprisonment.

As in all criminal cases, the Indictment returned by the Grand Jury is only a charge and the Defendant is presumed innocent.

This case was investigated by the United States Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The case will be prosecuted by the United States Attorney's

Office for the Southern District of Alabama.

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